

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yasuhiko Aoki et al.  
Serial No.: 10/787,496  
Filing Date: February 26, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 2613  
Confirmation No.: 4976  
Examiner: Thi Q. Le  
Title: Optical Network with Selective Mode Switching

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks.